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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6872**  
Akio YAMANE : Docket No. 2002-0401A  
Serial No. 10/088,598 : Group Art Unit 1634  
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PROBE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, Applicant herein provides the following amendments and remarks.